

## METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING PROGRAMMING OBJECT ATTRIBUTES

### Abstract of the disclosure

The present invention provides a method and computer-readable medium for searching for programming objects on a computer system. Under one aspect of the invention, optional search attributes are used to order a list of references to found programming objects. Under a second aspect of the invention, object attributes that are stored outside of a static attribute storage area are inspected during the search for programming objects. Under a third aspect of the invention, different sets of object data are allowed to reference the same programming object class, and different objects of a single programming object class may be initialized in different ways so that they exhibit different attributes.

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